

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application and reflects the amendment of claims 39, 60, 70, 76, 87, 94 and 98.

Listing of Claims:

1.-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently amended) A method of applying an amino resin gluing system to a substrate of a gluelam or laminated timber, comprising the steps of:

- (a) feeding an amino resin component selected from the group consisting of melamine-formaldehyde and melamine-urea-formaldehyde to at least a first orifice;
- (b) feeding a hardener component to at least a second orifice; and
- (c) discharging said resin and hardener components through said respective first and second orifices in the form of strands onto the substrate, said discharged components remaining physically isolated from each other until at least one of said components contacts said substrate;

wherein the hardener comprises a volatile acid and is either free from filler or includes filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the components of the gluing systems are separately applied in the form of strands, and in optional order, onto the substrate.

42. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the later applied strands of one component substantially overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

43. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener component is applied in the form of strands on top of the resin component applied in the form of strands.

44. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

45. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not contact the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

46. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener comprises formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

47-55. (Cancelled)

56. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener is free from filler.

57. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 15% by weight.

58. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 10% by weight.

59. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener comprises a thickener.

60. (Currently Amended) A method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate of a gluelam or laminated timber, in the form of strands, wherein the hardener comprises a volatile acid and is either free from filler or comprises filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight, and wherein the resin and hardener components are discharged from different hollow members each having a plurality of orifices, the orifices of one said hollow member being either aligned in, or parallel displaced in, a machine direction in relation to the corresponding orifices of the other said hollow member, and wherein the amino resin is selected from the group consisting of melamine-formaldehyde and melamine-urea-formaldehyde.

61. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 60, wherein the later applied strands of one component substantially overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

62. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 60, wherein the hardener component is applied in the form of strands on top of the resin component applied in the form of strands.

63. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 60, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

64. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 60, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not contact the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

65. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 60, wherein the hardener comprises formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

66. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 60, wherein the hardener is free from filler.

67. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 60, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 15% by weight.

68. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 60, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 10% by weight.

69. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 60, wherein the hardener comprises a thickener.

70. (Currently Amended) A method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate of a glue-lam or laminated timber, in the form of strands, wherein the hardener comprises a volatile acid and is either

free from filler or comprises filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight, wherein the amino resin is selected from the group consisting of melamine-formaldehyde and melamine-urea-formaldehyde, and wherein the strands of resin and the strands of hardener do not overlap.

71. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 70, wherein the hardener comprises formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

72. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 70, wherein the hardener is free from filler.

73. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 70, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 15% by weight.

74. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 70, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 10% by weight.

75. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener component further comprises a thickener.

76. (Currently amended) A method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate of a gluelam or laminated timber, wherein the hardener comprises a volatile acid and a thickener, and is either free from filler or comprises filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight, wherein the amino resin is selected from the group consisting of melamine-formaldehyde and melamine-urea-

formaldehyde, and wherein the components of the gluing system are applied in the form of strands in optional order of application.

77. (Cancelled)

78. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 76, wherein the components of the gluing systems are separately applied in the form of strands, and in optional order, onto the substrate.

79. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 76, wherein the later applied strands of one component substantially overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

80. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 76, wherein the hardener component is applied in the form of strands on top of the resin component applied in the form of strands.

81. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 76, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

82. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 76, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not contact the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

83. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 76, wherein the hardener comprises formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

84. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 76, wherein the hardener is free from filler.

85. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 76, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 15% by weight.

86. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 76, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 10% by weight.

87. (Currently amended) A hardener composition for use in a method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate of a gluelam or laminated timber, wherein the hardener is either free from filler or comprises a filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight and a volatile acid, wherein the amino resin is selected from the group consisting of melamine-formaldehyde and melamine-urea-formaldehyde, wherein the components of the gluing system are applied in the form of strands in optional order of application.

88. (Previously presented) A hardener composition according to claim 87, comprising formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

89. (Previously presented) A hardener composition according to claim 87, wherein the volatile acid is selected from the group consisting of formic acid, acetic acid, pyrovic acid and mixtures thereof.

90. (Previously presented) A hardener composition according to claim 87, comprising a filler in an amount of less than 15% by weight.

91. (Previously presented) A hardener composition according to claim 87, comprising a filler in an amount of less than 10% by weight.

92. (Previously presented) A hardener composition according to claim 87, which is free from filler.

93. (Previously presented) A hardener composition according to claim 87, comprising a thickener.

94. (Currently Amended) A method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate of a gluelam or laminated timber, in the form of strands, wherein the hardener comprises a volatile acid and a thickener, wherein the amino resin is selected from the group consisting of melamine-formaldehyde and melamine-urea-formaldehyde, wherein the later applied strands of one component substantially overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component, wherein the hardener component is applied on top of the resin component, wherein the volatile component of said hardener comprises formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight, and wherein the hardener is free from filler.

95. (Previously presented) A method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate according to claim

70, wherein the hardener further comprises a thickener, and wherein said filler is present in an amount of less than 15% by weight.

96. (Previously Presented) A method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate, wherein the hardener comprises a volatile acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight and a thickener and is either free from filler or includes filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight, wherein the resin component is applied directly onto said substrate in the form of strands and the hardener component is applied on top of the resin component in the form of strands, in a manner which protects said substrate from direct contact with said volatile acid at time of application of said hardener component.

97. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 96, wherein the ratio of hardener to resin is in the range of 1:3.5 to 1:2.

98. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a gluelam or laminated ~~timber~~ timber comprising a plurality of substrate layers glued together with an amino resin gluing system, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) feeding an amino resin component to at least a first orifice;
- (b) feeding a hardener component, which comprises a volatile acid and is either free from filler or includes filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight, to at least a second orifice;
- (c) forming said gluing system by discharging said resin and hardener components through said respective first and second orifices in the form of strands onto at least a first surface of a first substrate layer, said discharged components remaining

physically isolated from each other until at least one of said components contacts said at least first surface;

- (d) forming a joint with a second surface of a second substrate layer, with said gluing system disposed between said first and second substrate layers; and
- (e) producing said gluelam or laminated timber.